Reservation in Private Sector

*18. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether decrease of employment opportunities in the Government/ PSUs has affected the sections enjoying reservation of jobs;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to bring new legislation for providing reservation in jobs in private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) In pursuance of the National Common Minimum Programmes (NCPM), a Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation in private sector, and to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.The GOM had discussed the matter with four major Industry Associations and also obtained the opinions of three legal luminaries. A final decision is yet to be taken.

Operation of Mid-Day meal by NGOs/contractors

*19. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the metropolitan cities in which Mid-Day meals are managed by NGOs alongwith the names of cities, NGO/contractor and the number of children they are giving meals;

(b) the NGOs giving Mid-Day meal to the children in the tribal areas alongwith the names of States, Districts, blocks and number of children who get meals from the NGOs;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to operation Mid-Day meal scheme through contractors as well; and

(d) the difference in quality of meal and services offered by the contractors and NGOs?